



THE WATSONVILLE-SANTA CRUZ JACL

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"I REMEMBER MAMA" ... Editor

The movie: this 1948 classic directed by **George Stevens** starred **Irene Dunne** as Mama and **Barbara Bel Geddes** as Katrin. Other stars included **Oscar Homolka**, **Philip Dorn**, **Sir Cedric Hardwicke**, **Edgar Bergen**, **Rudy Valle**, and **Ellen Corby**.

It's a heart-warming story of a loving, self-sacrificing Norwegian *Issei* immigrant mother living and struggling in 1910 San Francisco.



In the photo above, Mama is counting and parceling the earnings—so much for the landlord, for the grocer, for the children's educational needs, etc. If there was a little surplus, Mama would lie about depositing the surplus in their bank saving account, which never existed. Children, Mama reasoned, needed to feel financially secure.

What do you remember of your *Issei* mother and father? Please tell your children and grandchildren.

In the days before plastic money and checking accounts, we (*Nisei*), too, charged items at the stores in *Nihonmachi* and paid in cash at the end of the month. So much of our monthly income was reserved for rent/property taxes, grocer, church, work clothes, utilities, the ice man (yes, we had an icebox, not a refrigerator), automobile maintenance, funeral or *koden*, *shibai* (theater), etc.

Our kitchen table was large and round like that in the movie so that all the six brothers could sit to eat at the same time. When my *Issei* father died (1877-

1938), our restaurant business closed, and, for a brief three years before WW II, we were farm workers.

During WW II, the philosophy of *shikataganai* (it can't be helped) and *gambatte* (to persevere, to endure) were practiced. In addition, my mother practiced *arigatai* (gratefulness, thank you) as well even while in "camp."

Below, two *Issei* mothers in "camp" had four children in the US military. If one was killed in action (KIA), one of the stars would become a gold star and she would be honored as a "Gold Star Mother."



After the war, my adult brothers scattered to St Paul, MN; Tokyo, Japan; and Reedley, CA, and we, the youngsters, who returned to Watsonville continued to work as farm workers during "summer vacations".

My *Issei* mother (1893-1972) was married for only 24 years and a widow for 34 years. She worked in the fields until she was 62. She fought the cold, wet mornings and the hot, dry, dusty afternoons, bent over while picking strawberries for 10 hours a day. She did all that to put food on the table.

Mama and I were grateful to the **Akiyoshi Bros.** farm for hiring us. (Summers were never "vacations" from age 10 -- 5th grader -- for 13 summers I worked in the fields picking the various crops. At the time, there were no child labor laws for agricultural workers.)

Mrs. Arita, Mrs. Taniguchi, Mrs. T. Hashimoto, and so many other *Issei* mothers who lived in *Nihonmachi* worked in the fields after WW II. Their names, and those of their husbands, are included in the Temple's *Shotsuki Hoyo* list. They should never be forgotten.



The real heroes of our *Nikkei* community are our *Issei* immigrant parents, and they have never received the proper recognition. Not even from us -- their children, the *Nisei*--or the National JACL.

I failed with the JACL in my attempt to garner honors for our *Issei* pioneer immigrants back in 2010 at the National Convention of the JACL.

It is historically accurate to say that the immigrants from all over the world helped make this country truly great.

Sadly, today, many descendants of those immigrants demonstrate against the newly arrived immigrants or those who are seeking asylum.

I hope there's not one *Nikkei* among them.

WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE MEAL? Editor

What is your absolute favorite meal? Would it be steak and lobster? Barbeque ribs? *Sushi*? How often do you eat your favorite meal?

If, at your testimonial dinner, steak and lobster are served, they are grateful for your years of service and contributions. If they serve something else -- chow mein or spaghetti. Well,

But, then, what if they served *udon*?

Udon was Rev. Junjo Tsumura's absolute favorite meal. When they served Kobe beef or something else at a dinner, he was kind and appreciative, but he preferred *udon*.

Whenever he delivered to the post office the Temple's monthly newsletter late at night (around midnight), he would drive by our home on Union Street to see if the light was still on. Of course, I was still correcting US History papers. He would knock on the side kitchen door, and I immediately knew who was knocking on the door at this late hour.

My elderly *Issei* mother would get up from her sleep to start cooking one of her famous *udon* dishes to serve. The Rev. and I would talk and laugh about what was going on. Oh, those were magical evenings ... when one valued one's friendship. When you're with dear friends, you don't have to say much. But, when you're with others, you are obligated to talk and talk a lot about nothing important. Rev. Tsumura--we shared the same birthday-- but not the year.

Oh, my favorite meal? I eat my favorite meal 5 to 6 times a week in the morning. Why would this be my favorite meal and not filet mignon and lobster?



What is it? It is a breakfast cereal with local strawberries, raspberries, and blackberries with raisins,

bananas, coconuts, all kinds of nuts, and low-fat milk. Other fruits in season would be also included.

I look forward to breakfast for means I woke up above ground today and am *arigatai*--I am grateful. So, today, I must do something meaningful and worthwhile to show my appreciation.

INSTALLATION OF THE FIVE MONTEREY BAY JACL CHAPTERS' 2019 OFFICERS

For an interesting program, please reserve **Sunday, Jan. 27, 2019** for our annual joint installation of officers of Gilroy, Monterey Peninsula, Salinas Valley, San Benito County, and Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL chapters. The luncheon will be held at the Morgan Hill Buddhist Community Center, 16450 Murphy Avenue, Morgan Hill, CA. The registration/no host social begins at 12 noon, and the buffet lunch will be served at 12:30 pm. Cost is \$30 per person (tax and gratuity included). We thank Gilroy JACL for hosting this year's installation. They promise an interesting program.

For reservations, please leave **Marcia Hashimoto a message at (831) 722-6859 by January 19, 2019 or email at hashi79@sbcglobal.net. Senior Center members may RSVP with **Carol Kaneko**.

We'd love to have you join us.

On **Sunday, February 24, 2019**, from 1:30 pm to 4 pm, the five Monterey Bay area JACL chapters will be observing "**Day of Remembrance 2019**" on the 77th Anniversary of Executive Order 9066 at the site of the "Salinas Assembly Center" on North Main Street in Salinas. Our host, San Benito County JACL chapter, has planned an exciting program.

"JAPANESE INTERNMENT" by Ann Curry

An article in October 2018 issue of the *National Geographic* magazine was published, written by journalist Ann Curry. It featured photos by **Paul Kitagaki, Jr** and of the **Hirano** family of Watsonville while in Poston II. Mrs. Hirano is holding the photo of her eldest son, **Staff/Sgt Shig Hirano**, who was with the 100th/442nd Regimental Combat Team fighting in France and Italy. Young George, seated next to his mother, was a teenager in 1945.

The caption under the photo: "We were American citizens, but the government says ... "You're still Japanese. We could not trust you."



ON OUR INCARCERATION ... Editor

An invitation was extended by Gavilan College instructors **Sera Hirasuna** and **Enrique Luna** to speak to their classes of young Hollister branch students on Monday, October 29th.

Thanks to the efforts of **Mits and Betsy Waki Tatsugawa**, invitations to speak about our wartime incarceration came from two separate groups.

First, on October 9th, a ladies' book club met, at the home of **Joan Benbow** in Salinas, whose dozen members read **Jeanne Wakatsuki Houston's** "Farewell to Manzanar."

A "question and answer" format was shared with 98-year-old **Mrs. Jane Hanamura Shigemasa**, who

as a newly-wed was assigned one of the very small rooms of **Barrack 13** in Block 220, Poston II. We were neighbors of Block 220!! Our family lived "next door" in **Barrack 12**, Room A. What a coincident! We shared the good and bad times of early Poston II.

Then, on November 3rd, a two-hour presentation with a PowerPoint slide program was made to the 50 members of the **American Association of University Women (AAUW)** of Monterey County at the Monterey City Library.

On Saturday, December 8th, 2018, at the invitation of **Lisa Martin** of *Empower Watsonville*, Mas will be speaking to students of Watsonville High School on "Overcoming racism and imprisonment: A cautionary tale." She writes:

The internment of Japanese Americans during World War II is one of the most shameful human rights abuses in the history of the United States. Many families in the Pajaro Valley were affected by this deprivation of rights. Today, we see attempts by our government to demonize 'others' as the enemy, and to pit individuals in our communities against one another. There are lessons to be learned from dark periods in American history. Mas Hashimoto will share not only his own story of internment, but his cautionary warning about today's divisive atmosphere.

A brief introduction, written by **Lisa Martin**:

As a Prisoner of War, (federal prison number 12524 D), Mas Hashimoto was incarcerated as a child for 3½ years by his own country, the United States, during World War II- without charges, attorney, trial or due process of law. Mas later worked in the fields from age 10 as a farm worker for ten summers, and was later drafted into the US Army and served in the top-secret Chemical Section of 6th Army Headquarters (1958-1960). He was a US history teacher at Watsonville High School from 1960 to 1996. Since his retirement, he has been teaching to students and adults about the racism that led to the unjust imprisonment of 120,000 innocent persons of Japanese ancestry in this country, most of whom were US citizens.

On behalf of the 120,000 of us who were imprisoned unjustly during WW II, I am very grateful to each and every invitation.

One may contact Mas Hashimoto to speak on our incarceration or racism in the US Government at (831) 722-6859—leave a message or at hashi79@sbcglobal.net. There is never a charge or an honorarium accepted.

HAPPY 100TH BIRTHDAY, JEAN POGUE

Jean Pogue turned 100 on Nov. 17, 2018. Many Watsonville High School Wildcatz enjoyed Jean Pogue's math classes and skiing with her *Sno-Catz*, a high school ski club that skied in Switzerland, Utah, Colorado, Idaho, Oregon, Nevada and California.



A Palo Alto native and Stanford grad, Jean Pogue came to Watsonville in 1944, after having taught in Modoc county for four years. She retired in 1982 after a distinguished 42-year career.

Her former students and Sno-Catz gathered to celebrate and to say "thank you, Jean Pogue!"



When she first started teaching here, female teachers, with more seniority and expertise, were paid less than men, and if a woman married, she was to be replaced by a male teacher.

In 1948, when she and fellow teacher **Sig Lien**, representing all the teaching staff, proposed a salary schedule for all teachers based upon degrees, credentials and years of service, they were informed

by the school board that they were not re-hired for the 1948-49 school year. They were terminated!

The high school students in protest and with their parents' support, conducted a strike until Jean and Sig were re-hired.

Jean Pogue fought for equality not only for the teaching profession but for girls' sports, too. She taught that girls could do anything the guys could do in math, science, the arts, sports, *et al*.

Thank you, Jean Pogue, for fighting a lifetime for equal rights and for social justice.

Sister Cities of Northern California at the Japanese Consul's Residence by Robb Mayeda

On October 30, **Phyllis Nagamine** and I attended a function hosted by the new Japanese Consul General for California and Nevada, **Tomochika Uyama**.



Other speakers included the organizers of the **California-Japan Sister Cities Network (CJSCN)**.

The Consul General Uyama and the CJSCN are renewing their support in helping sister city organizations. A group discussion concluded that most local sister city committees suffer from lack of funding and lack of city government support. Additionally, the local sister city boards are small in membership and aging.

Our **Kawakami Watsonville Sister City Association (KWSCA)** does receive some financial support from the city and from the school district. We have a board of five and advisory board of three. Our KWSCA has the second largest exchange program in Northern California, and we are proud to continue the program established by **Mayor Ann Soldo** that provides a wonderful, eye-opening experience for our community's children.

Other large programs are Livermore, Palo Alto and Cupertino--all high socio-economic communities. Cupertino has nearly 200 volunteers that put on a two-day festival in a city park.



[Editor's note: **Phyllis Nagamine** and **Robb Mayeda** are standing in the back row -- to the right.]

Here are some sister city facts:

- President Eisenhower established sister city program to promote peace and understanding.
- There are more American-Japanese sister cities than any other combination.
- There are 105 American-Japanese sister cities in California.
- More than half are in northern California (from Monterey County north).
- They are supported by the consul general in San Francisco and the CJSCN.
- The others in California are supported by the consul general in L.A. and the Japan America Society of Southern California.
- Watsonville has six sister cities (Kawakami, Japan; China; Mexico (2); El Salvador; and Croatia).

Sister City Flapjack Breakfast at Applebee's

KWSC Assoc. will have a fundraiser at Applebee's. The event will take place on **Sunday morning, December 16, 8:00 – 9:45 A.M.** We will use a different serving routine that should make our customers more comfortable (no more standing in line).

Advanced tickets are available from the 16 students scheduled to travel to Japan. Walk-in customers will benefit the association's general fund that is used to assist the chaperones and host the visitors from Kawakami. The breakfast tickets are \$10, and the breakfast includes flapjacks, juice, eggs, bacon, and coffee. Thank you for your support in the past, and we hope to see you on the 16th.

MONTEREY COUNTY SUPERVISORS HONOR NISEI VETERANS by Franz Steidl

At their regular meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 6, the Monterey County Supervisors issued a resolution—**Veterans Day Resolution No. 18-360**--honoring the World War II Japanese American veterans of Monterey, San Benito and Santa Cruz counties.



The Monterey County Supervisor are **Jane Parker, Mary L. Adams, Chairman Luis Alejo, Simon Salinas, and John M. Phillips, Vice Chair.**



In attendance were **Sam Sakamoto**, I company, 100th/442nd Regimental Combat Team; **Isamu Sam Shingai**, Military Intelligence Service, accepted by son **Randy**, and **Terry Toyome Nakanishi**, accepted by her son **Greg**. Photos by **Franz Steidl**.

NJAHS EVENT: In Honor of their Service: Asian & Pacific Islander American Veterans of WWII, Korean & Vietnam Wars Nov. 10, 2018

Report and photos by **Jean Yamashita**

Happy Veteran's Day! The **National Japanese American Historical Society Inc (NJAHS)** honored veterans of WWII, Korean and Vietnam Wars, and all veterans in a lovely ceremony on Saturday, November 10, 2018 at the MIS Historic Learning Center, Bldg. 640 at Crissy Field, Presidio of SF.



Due to smoke filled skies, the program was held indoors with veterans and special guest speakers seated in places of honor in the front, surrounded by family and friends.



It was a very memorable and informative event recognizing the bravery and sacrifices of all the veterans. Seated above (photo) are **Lawson Sakai**, Consul General **Tomochika Uyama**, and Golden Gate National Park Superintendent **Laura Joss**.

A special announcement was made that **Lawson Sakai** (above, left) will receive the "Order of the Rising Sun" award from the Japanese Government on Dec. 9th, 2018. The "Order of the Rising Sun" is an honor bestowed by the Japanese government upon any person who has made distinguished contributions to Japan. Lawson Sakai is a World War II Veteran, 442nd Regimental Combat Team (wounded four times) and founder/president of "Friends and Family of Nisei Veterans" organization. Congratulations, Lawson!

Then, the guests enjoyed a *bento* box lunch and were free to roam around the MIS Historic Learning Center exhibits.



Each veteran was presented with a "Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition" signed by Congresswomen **Nancy Pelosi**.



442nd veteran **Sam Sakamoto** and Korean War veteran **Iwao Yamashita**.



The Hon. **Tomochika Uyama**, Consul General of Japan, and **Lawson Sakai** with 2018 Cherry Blossom Princesses.

WATSONVILLE HONORS ITS VETERANS



At its annual Veterans' Day observance at the Veterans' Memorial Building on East Third Street, honored were WW II US Army veteran **Donald Cooley** and US Army Specialist 4 **Fred Martinez** as "Veterans of the Year" by Commander of VFW Post 1716 **Donald Pickett** (left) and Commander, American Legion Post 121 **Michael Baker** (right) for their dedicated service to our country.

SOUTHERN POVERTY LAW CENTER

SPLC lawsuit against neo-Nazi leader moves forward

A judge has agreed with the SPLC that neo-Nazi Andrew Anglin's 2016 "troll storm" against a Jewish woman and her family is not protected speech under the First Amendment. The ruling allows our lawsuit on behalf of Tanya Gersh of Montana to move forward, underscoring the notion that online racist threat campaigns have no place in civil society.

SPLC sues over presidential proclamation banning migrants from seeking asylum

We filed a federal lawsuit this week to stop the Trump administration's asylum ban, challenging the presidential proclamation that makes migrants who cross the U.S.-Mexico border between ports of entry ineligible for asylum. U.S. Customs and Border Protection already has a widespread practice of turning away people seeking asylum at ports of entry.

FBI: Hate crime numbers soar to over 7,000 last year, six-year high

As the United States becomes more politically and socially fractured, the number of reported hate crimes has also increased, according to the FBI. Law enforcement reported 7,175 incidents in 2017, a 17 percent increase over the five-year high reached in 2016. It was the third-worst year for hate crimes since the FBI began tracking them in 1992.

Washington, DC - the FBI released its hate crimes data for 2017. The numbers demonstrate a disturbing and consistent upward trend. In 2017 there were 7,175 bias crimes, which targeted 8,493 victims based on their race and sexual orientation. This was an increase

of 17.2% from 2016 incidents of 6,121. This also followed consecutive year increases from 2015 and 2014 incidents as well.

Anti-Asian incidents increased 20.4% from 137 incidents in 2016 to 165 incidents in 2017. Pacific Islanders doubled from nine to 18 incidents. Documented acts of anti-Semitism increased an alarming 37% from 684 to 938 and anti-Sikh incidents nearly tripled from 7 to 20 incidents.

As alarming as these increases appear to be, they seem to tell only a part of the story, and that is what is more concerning. Several well documented hate crimes that happened in 2017 do not appear to be captured in these numbers. The murders of Heather Heyer in Charlottesville, VA, Ricky John Best and Taliesin Myrddin Namkai-Meche in Portland, OR, and Srinivas Kuchibhotla in Olathe, Kansas are all missing from the data reported by the FBI.

It is clear that actual incidents of hate crimes are much higher than what is being reported by the FBI. Several jurisdictions, and even whole states still do not report their data. With the knowledge that even under reported data is increasing significantly, we must as a country confront this increasing tide of hate and discrimination. We also know that many crimes against minority communities go unreported due to perceived indifference or worse from law enforcement. The inadequacy of this reported data does little to alleviate those concerns. Choosing not to report the crimes does not mean that they have not occurred and lives have not been impacted severely.

Rhetoric and policies from our government leaders should not be inflaming and emboldening the perpetrators of these crimes. Law enforcement must act aggressively to prevent and prosecute these crimes against individuals and groups from racial, ethnic, religious, LGBTQIA+, disability, and gender-based communities solely because of their identity.

November Senior Center News

by **Carol Kaneko** and **Jean Yamashita**

Photos by **Carol Kaneko** and **Jean Yamashita**



HAPPY HALLOWEEN!

Creatively garbed Seniors roamed Kizuka Hall on October 25th to celebrate Halloween! We were a lively bunch as we admired all the awesome costumes! Some Senior members were truly unrecognizable with their elaborate disguises! Voting for the BEST costume was going to be a difficult task. After each contestant modeled their costume, Seniors cast their votes, the votes were counted, and the winners were announced:



BEST COSTUME WINNERS: 1st place: **Cindy Mine** as a toilet that flushed; also known as “544-go shi shi”; 2nd place: **Reba Condon** as a *futomaki sushi*; 3rd place: **Connie Dimas**, “mask costume of the dead.”

Following the spirited costume contest, the Seniors were challenged to a “Mystery Bag” game. This time, all the mystery items were edibles. Many a furrowed brow could be seen as the Seniors puzzled over the contents of each brown paper bag.



It was a difficult challenge, but at the end of the game when the contents of each bag were unveiled, all items were correctly identified (no stumpers). Everyone was a

winner of the game as the Senior Center treated all participants to a cup of vanilla-chocolate swirl ice cream.

Our Halloween festivities continued with bingo where winners were treated to many *spook-tacular* prizes! “Thank you” to **Marcia Hashimoto/Judy Hane/June Honda** for their assistance with the game, **Susan AmRhein** for the *boo-tiful* decorations, **Jean Yamashita** for the Halloween favors, and all the Seniors for participating in our Halloween event!



On November 8th, November birthdays were celebrated. Our November birthday honoree was: **Yaeko Cross (92)**. Absent: **Tea Hashimoto (98)** and **Satoko Yamamoto (93)**.

Thank you to **Teruko Hirahara** and **Hisako Kodama** for providing the lovely flowers on each table and the gorgeous arrangement for the head table.



The **Nagata Family** kindly donated Honolulu Cookies and monetary donation in memory of **Edna Nagata's** November birthday.

Even though the midterm elections are behind us, **Norris Woodford** kindly offered to assist Seniors in future elections if needed (e.g., registration).

Seniors were very saddened to hear of the terrifying accident suffered by **Victor Kimura**. We send our heartfelt get well wishes for his speedy recovery.



Gobble, gobble – it's turkey time! On November 15th, the Seniors celebrated Thanksgiving with a huge feast: delicious turkey meal (turkey, stuffing, mash potatoes, gravy, cranberry sauce) prepared by **Susan AmRhein** and a scrumptious variety of potluck side dishes provided by our talented Senior cooks! We could

hardly wait to chow down as the tantalizing aroma of the yummy dishes wafted thru the hall during the lively games of bingo. When the buffet was ready, the Seniors happily piled food on their plates and enjoyed a very filling meal, topped off with pumpkin pie! I think we all left the Senior Center quite stuffed! Many thanks to **Susan AmRhein** and to all our Senior members who brought potluck dishes to share! Also, thank you to everyone who helped out with setup and cleanup! Happy Thanksgiving to all!



So great to have **Paul and Carol Kaneko** back from vacation! **Paul** said they had a wonderful time in Japan and shared some highlights of their trip. [**Jean Yamashita** thanked everyone for their help with the Senior Center while the Kaneko's were out-of-town]



Hideko Nagamine generously brought apples for all the Senior members. Thank you, **Mrs. Nagamine!**



June Honda, Hideko Nagamine, Judy Hane, Eileen Byers filled bags with apples for everyone

Cindy Mine mentioned the recall of some blood pressure medication. Please contact your doctor if you have concerns.

SENIOR TRIPS:

Interested in a jolly jaunt to San Francisco Japantown for some holiday shopping? Then join the Seniors on a one-day bus trip to SF Japantown on Tuesday, December 4th, from 9 am to ~5 pm. The cost is \$35 for Senior Center members and \$45 for non-members. If interested or have any questions, please contact **Carol Kaneko** (wsc.jacl.seniors@gmail.com) or **Jean Yamashita** (jeanyamashita@yahoo.com) or call at (408-813-6539).

Kimiko Marr announced that a Poston Pilgrimage is planned for March 2019. Stay tune for more info!

A group of Seniors traveled to the San Jose Buddhist Temple to see the film screening of the movie **"For the**

Sake of the Children” on October 28th. A panel discussion followed the showing. A stop on the way home at “Sweet Tomatoes” ended the day on a hearty note. Many thanks to **Mas and Marcia Hashimoto** and **Kimiko Marr** for driving guests to the event!



Phil Shima announced that free tickets were available to a Fall Concert by the Santa Cruz County Youth Symphony on Sunday, November 18th at 3 pm at UC Santa Cruz Music Recital Hall. (The tickets were generously donated by an anonymous donor)

On Saturday, December 1st at 2 pm, the “Topaz Toddler Art Project” will be held at J-Sei in Emeryville (1285 66th Street). **Patricia Marr** will have her toddler artwork on display. For more information, please see link for J-Sei December programs: <http://www.j-sei.org/programs/>.

The **Watsonville Taiko Holiday Boutique & Raffle** was on Sunday, November 4th, and several Seniors got a head start on some holiday shopping. “Domo Arigato!” to Watsonville *Taiko* for generously donating several beautiful items from their boutique to the Seniors.



Reba Condon, Jean Akiyama, & Fumi Tanimasa enjoyed Taiko’s Holiday Boutique & Raffle.

Thank you to our November *toban*: **Gail Wurtenberg** and **Sharon Bobo**. **Paul Kaneko/Leigh Sakaguchi** were in charge of opening up this month. Thanks to the thoughtful volunteers who stepped in and helped out when we were shorthanded this month. The *toban* schedule is posted in the kitchen.

Monetary donations for the month of November gratefully received from: **Yaeko Cross, Tea Hashimoto,** and **Satoko Yamamoto**. Special donations from: **Mark and Patt Takeuchi, Philip and Sachi Snyder** in memory of **Helen Mito; Leigh Sakaguchi** and **Iwao Yamashita** for Thanksgiving; and **Art and Joanne Hayashi**. The **Nagata Family** donated a big box of Honolulu cookies and a monetary donation in memory of **Edna Nagata’s** birthday. All donations are very much appreciated!

A special **Thank you** to everyone who has made their required donation for the **47th Anniversary** of the Senior Center. If you have not made your monetary donation, please do so to **Carol Kaneko**. Note: Please make your check payable to: **W-SC JACL Senior Center**. Thank you.

We will be collecting 2019 Senior Center dues. The \$20 Senior Center dues are included in your JACL National membership, but if you are not a JACL National member, you must pay the \$20 Senior Center dues. Please make your check payable to: **W-SC JACL Senior Center**, and give to **Carol Kaneko**. Thank you.

Thank you for all the fabulous bingo prizes:

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| Toshi Yamashita | 10 Halloween pails; 1 bag of <i>senbei</i> ; 2 packages cookies; 8 rolls paper towels; 8 boxes facial tissues |
| Tokio Yamashita | 10 packages dried persimmons |
| June/Sunao Honda | 8 packages cupcakes; 8 plates <i>sushi</i> ; 7 plates persimmon cake |
| June Honda’s mother | Persimmons and lemons |
| Jo Ann Vear | 10 three-dollar scratchers |
| Jean Akiyama | 6 rolls paper towels; 1 bag <i>senbei</i> ; 1 pack (3 packages) seaweed |
| Bette Garcia | 1 bag <i>senbei</i> ; 5 cans tuna |

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| Kitty Mizuno | 12 rolls toilet tissue |
| Reba Condon | 6 packages oat bars; 6 rolls <i>Kim Bab Korean sushi</i> ; 12 rolls toilet paper; 6 rolls paper towels |
| Yae/Sam Sakamoto | 1 bag <i>shitake</i> ; 2 cans <i>Spam</i> |
| Yaeko Cross | 4 kitchen towels; 5 boxes (3 each) soap; 1 bag chips |
| Kim Tao | 5 red bean buns; 5 sponge cake; 8 plates <i>takana</i> and <i>ume nigiri</i> ; 8 packages of ginger cake; 4 boxes chocolate-banana <i>Pocky</i> ; 9 packages strawberry <i>Pocky</i> ; 9 packages chocolate <i>Pocky</i> |
| Jean Yamashita | 8 mini pies; 2 bags white cheddar corn puffs; Thanksgiving favors |
| Eileen Byers | 10 bottles <i>Dawn</i> dish soap |
| Rubie Kawamoto | 1 box 100 green tea bags; 3 bags cookies |
| Gail Wurtenberg | 6 packages brownies |
| Mary Perez | 2 packages (5 each) Ramen; 2 packages peanut butter; 2 packages (3 each) fruit cups |
| Angie Guzman | 3 boxes <i>Kleenex</i> ; 3 bottles <i>Dawn</i> dish soap |
| Connie Dimas | 2 bottles oil; 2 jars peanut butter; 1 <i>Quaker Oats</i> ; 4 cans tuna |
| Hisako Kodama | 12 jars pickles |
| Yoshiko Nishihara | 12 mega rolls toilet paper |
| Eiko Nishihara | 12 jars strawberry jam |
| Sharon Bobo | 1 package paper plates; 1 bag <i>Harvest Snaps</i> |
| Mitzi Katsuyama | 4 half dozen eggs |
| Teruko Hirahara | 4 microfiber dusters; 4 all-purpose wipes; 4 boxes <i>Danish</i> butter cookies; 4 boxes snack bags |
| Tea Hashimoto | 30 rolls toilet paper |
| Kimiko Marr | 12 king size candy bars |
| Mitsuyo Tao | 12 boxes <i>Kleenex</i> |
| Hideko Nagamine | apples for everyone |
| Satoko Yamamoto | 12 rolls toilet paper |
| Nagata Family | 1 big box of Honolulu cookies |
| Watsonville Taiko | 2 holiday baskets; 1 big plant; vase of bird of paradise flowers, 2 small plants; |
| Anonymous | Artificial Christmas tree |

Thank you for coming to the Senior Center! The holidays are upon us, and the Senior Center hopes that all the Senior Center members will join us in the joyous festivities planned for the coming months! It's important to stay active, visit with your friends, win bingo prizes, and have fun. Be sure to do your balance exercises three times a day. See you next month!

December Schedule:

Tues Dec 4 *SF Japantown One-Day trip 9 am - 5 pm*
Thurs Dec 6 Regular Bingo
Thurs Dec 13 **December Birthday Party**
Sun Dec 16 **Christmas Party Kizuka Hall 2 pm**

Thurs Dec 20 Last meeting; **Happy Gardens Buffet**
Thurs Dec 27, Jan 3 **Senior Center** **closed** for **Holidays - Happy New Year!!**

Thursday, Jan 10, 2019 – First day back for 2019!



The men--Gary Mine, Sunao Honda, Iwao Yamashita, and Carl Fujii--are patiently waiting to go home after Thursday Senior Center activities.

A REMINDER: Please protect the Senior Center membership list and do not volunteer Senior information (name, address, phone number) to anyone you do not know.

Please check out our Senior Center website to read the Senior Center News, see pictures of our Seniors in living color, and see our calendar of events: kizukahallseniors.wordpress.com.

WATSONVILLE TAIKO AND SHINSEI DAIKO

By Bonnie Chihara

Our annual Holiday Boutique and Raffle held on November 4th was a fun and festive day.

Our unique succulent dish gardens, gift baskets and gift certificates from generous local businesses and services were quickly bought up by our many shoppers. Thank you to everyone who came out to support this fundraiser. The big winner for the quilt raffle was **Kim Tao** who won all three quilts plus a gift certificate to *Bruno's Bar and Grill!!!!* Congratulations Kim!!!

Our annual *Holiday Party* will be held on Friday, **December 14th** from 6-9 pm. All are welcome! Potluck as usual.

We have classes for all ages. Our beginning children's class is scheduled at 4:30 on Fridays and are held at Kizuka Hall, 150 Blackburn St., in Watsonville. Our beginning adult classes are scheduled for 7 pm also at Kizuka Hall. For times and locations for our other classes please contact Kay at 831 475 1088 or email us at info@watsonvilletaiko.org.

Our upcoming schedule-
 Dec. 1st Multicultural Festival, Watsonville
 April 6th, 2019-Santa Cruz Bonsai Kai event,
 MAH Santa Cruz

Holidays in the Plaza

The 2018 Watsonville Multicultural Celebration will be held on **Sat., December 1st** from 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm at the City Plaza, and the admission is free. Come celebrate Watsonville's many ethnic cultures. Children, parents and grandparents will enjoy the activities and entertainment.

Be sure to attend the 1:30 pm opening performance by the Watsonville Taiko youth

PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE 2018

1:30-2:00PM
WATSONVILLE
TAIKO

2:00-2:30PM
WATSONVILLE
CHARTER SCHOOL
OF THE ARTS

2:30-3:00PM
PACIFIC ARTS
COMPLEX

3:00-3:30PM
ESTRELLA DE
ESPERANZA
FOLKLORIC DANCE GROUP

3:30-4:00PM
YWCA PRESCHOOL
SINGING GROUP

4:00-4:30 PM
ASSOCIATION OF
WATSONVILLE AREA
SENIORS, INC

4:30-5:00PM
DANCE OF SENEGAL AT THE
WATSONVILLE YOGA

performers. Then, visit our W-SC JACL booth to learn how to write your name in *katakana* and engage in *origami* paper folding.

WATSONVILLE BUDDHIST TEMPLE NEWS

The calendar for December:

Sun. Dec 2 Sunday Service/Dharma Youth program, 10 am
 Public Lecture—"Buddhist Art & Icons," 1 pm to 2:30 pm
 Tues. Dec 4 Temple Board Meeting, 7:30 pm
 Thurs. Dec 6 ABA Meeting, 10 am

Sun. Dec 9 **Mochi Tsuki** (all volunteers welcome)
 Sun. Dec 16 Sunday Service/Omigaki, 2 pm
No service Sundays Dec. 23 and Dec. 30
Mon. Dec. 31 New Year's Eve/Joya-e Service, 6 pm
Tues. Jan 1, 2019 New Year's Day Service at 9 am

The Temple office will be closed from Dec. 24, 2018 to Jan. 2, 2019.

Office Telephone (831) 724-7860

Temple Office Hours are 9:30 am to 12:00 noon
 (Tues, Wed, Thurs)

Email: buddhist@wbtemple.org

Shotsuki Hoyo Service

10 am Sunday, December 2, 2018

Let us gather to remember and express our gratitude. The families of the following deceased are invited to attend the December service and to *Oshoko* (offer incense). We look forward to seeing you at the service.

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| Aramaki, Yoshiro Roy | Arao, Betty Yaeko |
| Enomoto, Kiku | Eto, Wataru |
| Etow, Hajime | Etow, Shigeru |
| Fukuba, Norman | Hamada, Takino |
| Hamada, Tomiye | Hamamoto, Kimi |
| Hane, Machie | Hara, Yoneko |
| Hirahara, Teyo | Ito, Uta |
| Kadotani, Mitsuko | Kaita, Kanezo |
| Kamimoto, Kay | Kawasaki, Jihei |
| Kimura, John Mitoshi | Maemura, Yoshinobu |
| Matoba, Tatsue | Matsumoto, George |
| Matsumoto, Michie | Mine, Kikue |
| Misumi, Mary | Misumi, Shizue |
| Morimoto, Haya | Morimune, Soichi |
| Murakami, Kumajiro | Murakami, Shoichi |
| Nakamura, Meiji | Nishita, Shuichi |
| Nitta, Kumezo | Oda, Toku |
| Oda, Tokuzo | Saiki, Hajime |
| Saiki, Roy | Sakai, Chiyono |
| Sakai, Kiyoto | Sakata, Ichiji |
| Sakaue, Somo | Shinta, Kunito |
| Shirachi, William | Sudou, Sakaye |
| Tada, Ben | Takemoto, Toshiye |
| Tawamoto, Tsunesuke | Terasaki, Sam Yoshinobu |
| Teshima, Iwao | Teshima, Phyllis Masaye |
| Torigoe, Bunkichi | Toriumi, Jim Shigeru |
| Tsuda, Tomio | Tsuji, Saizo |
| Ura, John Susumu | Uyeda, Jitsuto |
| Wada, Hatsu | Wada, Shozo |
| Yamakoshi, Frank | Yamamoto, Tadashi |
| Yonemura, Edward | Yoneyama, Lee Ritsuo |

Yoshida, Yaemo Yoshii, Kumakichi
 Yamamoto, Lewis Kazuo Yamashita, Akira
 Yamashita, Haru Yamashita, Masano
 Yamashita, Tomiko

Mochi Tsuki, Sunday, Dec. 9th work schedule:

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| Start | 6 am | steam/cook rice |
| | 7:15 | pound cooked rice (volunteers of all ages are most welcome to experience this important Japanese tradition) |
| | 7:30 | form <i>mochi</i> cakes |
| | | cool mochi, pack mochi |
| | 11 am | yard clean-up |



Place your orders no later than Sat. Dec 1. \$6 a box for regular and/or *osonae*. Call (831) 724-7860.

Orders must be picked up on Sun. Dec 9 between 10 am and 12 noon at the Temple, 423 Bridge St., Watsonville, CA.

WESTVIEW CHIMES by Leslie Nagata-Garcia

WONDER!



"The Great Methodist preacher Fred Craddock tells of a practice in which his ancestors would go out walking on Sunday afternoons sometimes in groups sometimes

alone. They called it 'going marveling.'

On these walks they would admire nature and collect unusual things—from [colorful] rocks to wild flowers, to experiences—to bring back home and share to the amazement of others...Going marveling, is something of a lost practice. Today it could easily be considered a waste of time."-William Brown

Marveling teaches us to be open to Wonder. Wonder...we are born with a hunger for wonder firmly rooted in the human psyche. We do not have to teach children to wonder, it comes naturally. They wonder at EVERYTHING—butterflies, jets in

the sky, a sand castle, Disneyland. The world is their oyster! They do not have to learn wonder! They naturally "go Marveling." Wonder animates the soul.

According to Einstein, 'Whoever does not know [mystery] and can no longer wonder, no longer marvel, is as good as dead.'

Yet slowly as we "learn" to be "sensible adults" we often "outgrow" our sense of wonder. Deluding ourselves into thinking that wonder is reserved exclusively for children. Fear and fatigue have all but replaced love and wonder.

There are several kinds of wonder:
 Sensational Wonder-This is "wow!" wonder—like seeing the Grand Canyon, or Time Square at Christmastime.

Mundane Wonder-"by contrast is wonder elicited by small, familiar things, such as a baby's smile, an affectionate touch— In mundane wonder things we take for granted or consider ordinary become charged with new meaning—they are experienced differently. In this kind of Wonder, the familiar becomes new and fresh (Brown)."

Destabilizing Wonder—a wonder that destabilizes us as a result of a significant event like graduation, retirement or childbirth; or even a traumatic event in which we experience God as we face our mortality. This kind of wonder prompts us to rethink who we are and our place in the world. It may give us a whole new outlook.

Wonder stops us dead, in our mindless routines, shattering our illusion of control and omnipotence while at the same time arousing our desire to venture forth in a new direction.
 There is fear and awe in wonder, yet it ultimately draws us into its embrace!

Wonder takes us to sit at the feet of wisdom. Wonder ultimately takes us to the feet of our Maker. Wonder draws us into the embrace of God!

Christmastime can be a very busy time. Sometimes the holiness and meaning of Christmas can get lost in our busyness of cards, gifts, dinners, parties, lights and shopping.

For our Thanksgiving worship service, we spoke of recovering Wonder in our lives and I wanted to share with you about the power of Wonder that we might have our eyes and spirits open to receive the gift of wonder this Christmas Season. For Wonder

has the power to shape our lives, transform ordinary moments, and draw us into God's embrace. In Christmas God came to walk among us! I pray we might encounter anew this amazing God in the extraordinary and mundane as we open ourselves up to Wonder!

Who! Who is like you among the gods, O Lord!!? Who is like you!!? --majestic in holiness, praiseworthy awesome, working WONDER!!- Exodus 15:11

If you want to study Wonder more, much of what I have spoken about comes from Rev. Dr. William Brown's book, *Sacred Sense*.

In this time of gift giving I am reminded again of how our church family is such a wonderful gift! Merry Christmas! God bless you!
Pastor Dan



On November 3rd (see photos), we celebrated God's goodness and gave thanks, we enjoyed the company of



friends, we raised over \$1200 to support Puerto Rico Recovery and to support Julie Lonero in her ministry to families of children with Sanfilippo Syndrome (MPS-III). Thank you to all who helped make this joyous dinner celebration a success!



Help Your Youth/Children Grow a Strong Foundation in Christ!!

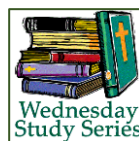
Westview Church Youth/Family Events:

Gym Nite for the month of December will be held on **December 7th**: Come help prepare the **Salvation Army Meal** and serve the needy this holiday season!! **Meet at Westview, 4:30 pm**



Westview will resume preparing and serving **Salvation Army** meals on **December 7th** and

continue every first Friday of each month through April. Volunteers are always welcome!! Call Marlon or Pastor Dan for details.



Tuesday Study Series: Held on the **2nd and 4th Tuesday** of each month, **4 pm** at **Paloma Del Mar, 2030 Pajaro Lane in Freedom**. **What does God's voice sound like? How do you discern God's direction/leading in our life?** We are **studying Hearing God** by **Dallas Willard**. It has been a delight to make new friends and "be church" at Paloma Del Mar!! For the month of December, the Tuesday Study Series will only be held on **December 11th**. Join us!!

SonRise Kitchen

"When we feed the hungry, we are serving and encountering Christ! (Matthew 25)

Margo Loehr is leading us beginning in December or January in a ministry that provides breakfast to those in need Monday through Friday. We **cook at the church 7-8am and serve 8:15-9am at River Park, 100 E. Front St., Watsonville (just a few blocks from the church). Clean up is from 9-9:30am. Wednesday is "food bank, chop, and freeze day!" which takes a few more hours - many hands make light work, so come help if you can!**

If you would like to help regularly, or even just one morning a week, or on an occasional basis, or would like to donate to this worthy cause, please contact Pastor Dan or Margo. Checks can be written to WPC and write "SonRise Kitchen" in the memo.

2020 TOKYO SUMMER OLYMPICS

Why can't there be a new Olympic sport at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics—"Ninja Warriors"?

BALLOTS AND THE SURVEY

Please return your ballots and the survey before Dec. 12. Don't forget to send in your raffle ticket. Only National JACL members of our chapter are eligible to vote.

If you did not receive one, please email **Marcia Hashimoto** immediately at this email address: hashi79@sbcglobal.net or leave a message on (831) 722-6859.

At the December 2018 W-SC JACL meeting the board members will vote for the 2019 officers.

The installation of officers will take place on Jan. 27, 2019 in Morgan Hill, CA at a buffet luncheon. You are most welcome to join us.

2019 COMMUNITY DIRECTORY BOOKLET

We are grateful to our many faithful supporters who generously donate an ad to our *Directory* each year. The *Directory* is a helpful resource which highlights **businesses and professional services** that encourages and supports our W-SC JACL's community outreach in civil rights, education, and cultural appreciation. Their donations also enable our W-SC JACL chapter to maintain a safe and comfortable meeting hall for our **Senior Center** members, **Watsonville Taiko**, **Watsonville Bonsai**, and **Kokoro no Gakko** organizations.

The deadline for ad donations is **Monday, December 24, 2018**. We welcome new participants. For information about placing an ad, please call **Marcia Hashimoto** at (831) 722-6859 (please leave a message with your telephone number so we can return your call) or email hashi79@sbcglobal.net.

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UCSC NIKKEI STUDENT UNION

Hello readers. My name is **Jonathan Tondo** I am a third year UCSC student studying Cognitive Science. I'm writing to you all today to talk about a great new opportunity for anyone interested in Nikkei culture. This year at UCSC I started a club called NSU. NSU stands for Nikkei Student Union, and although the club may seem like it is based around Nikkei kids it is an all-inclusive group. My goal for this year is to gather a group of students to spread awareness of Japanese and Asian American issues as well as social issues around the world. We will be having meetings starting somewhere around January 7th next year 2019. Hope to see you there! If you have any questions or inquiries don't hesitate to email me at jtondo@ucsc.edu.

Seeking New Board Members! Kimiko Marr

We are currently looking for new board members for our chapter. If you are interested in helping to preserve Japanese American history, working for equal civil rights for all or just want to participate in a community organization, please contact us at wsc.jacl@gmail.org or come to one of our board meetings and check it out. Board meetings are held the fourth Thursday of every month at Kizuka Hall (150 Blackburn Street, Watsonville) at 6:30pm. Please come join us!

WHY JOIN OUR W-SC JACL?

If you are not now a member of the National JACL, please consider joining our W-SC JACL chapter. A membership form is included in this newsletter. We will do our best to serve you, our local community, and nation.

And, a most grateful "thank you" to those who renew before the expiration month of their membership!

Thank you for reading this **December 2018** newsletter. Comments are always welcome and appreciated at hashi79@sbcglobal.net. Thank you. Log onto <http://watsonvillesantacruz.jacl.org>, click onto "Newsletters," then the month for our colored issues.

Onward!

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Watsonville-Santa Cruz Chapter National Japanese American Citizens League (JACL)

2019 Membership Dues

Working toward our national goal of *Better Americans in a Greater America* is a worthy one. One does not have to be of Japanese ancestry to be a JACL member, but one must believe that safeguarding the rights of all Americans and legal residents is of utmost importance in this country.

Please join us today. We are the most proactive, oldest, and respected Asian American civil rights organization, and our programs include cultural appreciation and educational outreach.

Your membership is never taken lightly or for granted. We have worked diligently to earn your confidence and trust. Your active participation and membership can make a significant difference in what happens today in our community and in our nation.

Please help us fight **racial prejudice, discrimination, racial profiling, bigotry, intolerance and indifference.**

The 2018 National and local dues for our tax-deductible organization (ID #94-2659895) are as follows:

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| Individual Member | ___ \$85 This includes National dues, local chapter dues, and our monthly JACL newsletter. |
| Family/Couples | ___ \$155 This includes two National dues, local dues, and our monthly JACL newsletter, and all children under age 14 to be included. |
| Youth/Student | ___ \$30 for each of ages 14 to 24, National and local youth/student membership, and our monthly JACL newsletter are included. Youth membership is <u>required</u> for scholarship consideration. |

Please note: Email subscription to the *Pacific Citizen*, the official paper of the National JACL, is provided via your email address. Subscription for a printed, paper copy requires an additional \$17 annually payable to the National JACL, 1765 Sutter Street, San Francisco, CA 94115, (415) 921-5225.

For **Thousand Club**, **Century Club**, and **Millennium Club** and **Life** membership categories, please contact our membership co-chairs **Jeanette Otsuji Hager or Marcia Hashimoto.**

Name: _____
(Last Name) (First Name) (Middle Name)

Spouse's Name: _____
(Last Name) (First Name) (Middle Name)

Address: _____

Home phone: (____) _____ E-mail: _____

For family membership, please list names (and ages) of all children under the age of 14:

Name: _____ Age: _____

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Please send your check payable to **Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL** and mail ASAP to:

Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL

c/o Jeanette Otsuji Hager or Marcia Hashimoto, Membership Co-Chairs, P. O. Box 163, Watsonville, CA 95077

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